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Meth lab leaves a toxic wake

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The cabin in Gooderham that was being used as a 'super' meth lab has been condemned because toxicity levels are so high.

OPP Det. Sgt. Dean Steinke, head of this region's drug enforcement section, says that when officers, dressed in full protective gear, approached the Pine Lake rental property, their emergency devices "were screaming at the highest pitch" as a warning.

"If you inhaled [those fumes], it would instantly kill you," he told *The Echo*.

The OPP's drug specialists were six metres from the cabin door when their warning devices went off.

When powdered meth was later being taken out of the cabin, it crystallized before the officers' eyes as soon as it was exposed to the cold air. A cylinder of unknown gas was found on the site, sparking fears of an explosion.

The cabin was one of a group being rented on the property. The other buildings are not in any danger but the costs of cleaning up the site must be borne by the landowner.

"The clean-up costs will be astronomical," says Steinke.

The discovery of the lab is very worrisome on several levels, he says.

For every pound of meth that's produced, there are 16 pounds of toxic waste that must be disposed of. Given how much meth was found at the Gooderham site, that means 126 pounds of toxic waste was produced.

"To this day we don't know where it is. That's scary," Steinke says. "That toxic waste will kill everything."

The Ministry of Environment

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Highlands East fires its fire chief

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

After several months of speculation over his future with the municipality, Highlands East Fire Chief Don Middleton was fired during a special council meeting last week. According to a resolution passed on February

20, Middleton's employment with the municipality was terminated "effective immediately without cause."

Though the meeting was closed to both the public and media, a recorded vote shows that councillors Suzanne Partridge and Donna Graham voted against the termination,

while councillor Gary Stoughton, Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie and Reeve Dave Burton all voted in favour.

The decision has already prompted some backlash from community members, including a number of the municipality's volunteer firefighters who have stepped down from their post in

support of the ousted chief. At press time, Highlands East CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig was able to confirm that four firefighters had resigned over the decision, including three volunteers from the Highland Grove hall and one from Gooderham.

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

A sneak peak at Inuit ways

Gage Tofflemire, 3, explores a small fort carved out of the snow in Head Lake Park during the Rails End Gallery's Inuit games Saturday. "I think it's really great," mom Melanie said of the event. "It's a lot of fun." More photos page 19.

Gas shortage trickles down to Haliburton

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

A February 15 fire at Imperial Oil's Nanticoke plant caused gasoline shortages at service stations across the province last week but, fortunately, Haliburton County has experienced very few breaks in the flow of fuel to date.

Although the shortage was

originally expected to affect only Esso stations - 100 of which went dry across the province at one point or another last week - local gas stations supplied by Shell experienced some delays in receiving deliveries, which left the pumps dry on Friday morning.

Greg Tibbitts, owner and operator of Haliburton's Shamrock Shell Service Centre,

says he was without gasoline for several hours on Friday morning because of a backlog of fuel trucks at a central depot. Tibbitts says his understanding is that there is currently some degree of fuel-sharing going on between Shell and Esso, which is why his station was inconvenienced.

"Apparently the Imperial Oil plant in Sarnia is down to half-

capacity, so when that is the case, 50 per cent of their trucks have to get fuel somewhere else," he says. "It's like me having 15 cars in my parking lot all wanting gas. You can only do so many at a time."

Though some oil executives insisted last week that the fire wasn't responsible for driving up gasoline prices, Tibbitts says

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Don't panic, gas station owners say

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he blames the blaze entirely for prices that are currently hovering around \$1 a litre.

"You don't have to be a Harvard grad to realize that the price of a barrel of oil has gone down while the price of gas has gone up," he says. "But they can easily say it's just 'supply and demand,' and in this case it would be true. There's not enough supply, but there's lots of demand, so the price has gone up."

Of course, Tibbitts also notes that there are also most likely additional costs being incurred by oil companies as a result of the fire, and higher gasoline prices can help to make up for additional expenses.

"It probably is costing them money if they have a truck sitting there for two hours waiting to pick up a load, especially if it was only supposed to be there for 20 minutes," he says. "Plus they're having to pay the drivers overtime to truck this stuff all over the place."

Meanwhile, while Tibbitts was waiting on a Shell truck for his delivery, Cindy Ablett was still pumping gas from her Wilberforce service station - Moo Moo Movies & Gas Bar - which is typically supplied by Imperial Oil.

"I wasn't able to get gas from Imperial but instead I was able to buy gas directly from my carrier Ferguson Fuels," says Ablett. "So I've been very lucky, and so far so good."

However, Ablett did express some concern over what's yet to come, particularly being a vendor in a rural setting.

"Right now it's just load-to-load, and even though I know I'm getting another load today (Friday), who knows about the one after that," she says. "And I'm worried because I heard that this could go on for three

weeks or a month. They're saying on the news that things should start to get back to normal after a week but I'm just not so sure about that."

Ablett says that despite the looming shortages, she's not about to go into panic-mode, and she advises that her customers don't either.

"I've just been telling people to make sure they have enough gas to go two or three days if they need it," she says. "I've noticed today that a few of the people who normally come in and get \$15 or \$20 have filled up, and that's a good practice, because at least that way they can go a few days if they need to."

Then again, Ablett says she is also monitoring customers to ensure that no one is hoarding fuel (i.e. filling up ten extra gas cans).

"As long as I know I'm going to get more gas, I'm not going to ration it, but if someone comes in with their vehicle and wants their vehicle filled plus ten gas cans, well, I told my employee to fill the vehicle and maybe two cans, just so they can have that sense of security if they need it," she says.

Ablett says that if one good thing were to come of all this, it would be that the major oil companies might learn how to cope better with hardships and strains on the system.

"This is kind of an eye-opener for the big companies, to give them an idea of what the future might hold," says Ablett. "I think this is going to happen more frequently, and not necessarily fires or explosions but these refineries are getting pretty old and I think we could see some major breakdowns...more than we'd like to."

Last week, officials from Imperial Oil were calling the Nanticoke fire the "straw that broke the camel's back," but they also pointed to other events that were squeez-



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Greg Tibbitts of Shamrock Shell, left, was relieved when Dennis Barnea of Seaboard/harmac arrived to fill up his empty tanks on Friday.

ing Imperial's fuel supply, including a CN Rail strike which kept Imperial Oil trucks busy and unavailable to help transport fuel to parts of southwestern Ontario, and cold weather, which has made it difficult for ships to transport fuel from the United States.

Correction

Incorrect information appeared in last week's story about the man who died on his tractor on the Irish Line. The man suffered a massive heart attack while driving his tractor. The tractor went into a ditch on a gentle angle and did not roll over.

The Echo regrets any misunderstanding the story may have caused.

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Arts Council seeks \$15,000 in annual county funding

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Mother Nature may have made Haliburton County a natural work of art but the human touch is also very much in evidence.

The county is not only home to a vibrant arts community, county councillors were told last Wednesday, but the arts are also a major player in the Highlands' economy.

The Haliburton School of the Arts attracts thousands of students each year. These students spend money in the community; some of them decide to move here because of the nurturing environment and constant source of natural inspiration.

Then there are events and attractions such as the annual Studio Tour, the Sculpture Forest, private and public art galleries, the annual production of R. Murray Schafer's outdoor operas at Haliburton Forest and the soon-to-be-built R.D. Lawrence Place at the Minden Cultural Centre.

If you're on the mailing list of the monthly list of arts events in the Highlands, you'll know how exhaustive the opportunities for celebrating the arts in our lives can be, Barb Bolin, the chair of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council, told the county politicians.

The Arts Council publishes 25,000 copies of its directory every year, and by the end of every year there's not a spare copy to be found.

"These organizations are the core of small communities," Bolin said.

Jim Blake, the Arts Council's co-ordinator, said that art isn't just something you buy to hang on your wall. Our entire lives are infused with the creativity of others, whether it's the clothes we wear, the way we decorate our houses or the tourist attractions we love to visit.

"Art and culture is everything that you touch. It is embedded into our society," he said.

But it can't be left to individuals to make arts and culture thrive in Haliburton County. Someone has to co-ordinate and market their efforts. The better that's done, the more Haliburton County will be known as "where it's art."

The Arts Council, a volunteer organization, is asking the county for \$15,000 a year. This funding will allow it to access more funding from the Ontario Arts Council.

"This organization gets things done," Bolin said. "We haven't come here [to county council] until we could prove that we've done what we set out to do."

With \$15,000 from the county the Arts Council foresees being able to raise another \$50,000 from other sources: \$7,500 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, \$3,500 from the summer employment program, \$18,000 from the Trillium Foundation and \$9,700 from the Ontario Arts Council.

When you add that to revenues from membership fees, marketing fees, and education and professional development programs, the local Arts Council would have \$108,400 with which to enhance arts and culture opportunities.



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For every pound of meth that's produced there are 16 pounds of toxic waste to be somehow disposed of. Det. Sgt. Dean Steinke says that when OPP officers suited up to go into the Gooderham cabin where a meth lab was discovered, their warning devices were 'screaming at their loudest pitch.' It's not known where the waste from the Gooderham site is.

Police say meth 'really scaring us'

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is helping with the investigation. Because Pine Lake is frozen, it's not yet known if the waste was tossed into the water.

The clandestine lab was discovered on February 11 when the Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to the cabin to investigate an attempted murder. They found a 33-year-old Mississauga man in the cabin with multiple stab wounds. (He was treated and released from Haliburton Hospital that day.)

While responding to the call, officers found another 33-year-old Mississauga man walking along County Road 507. He was covered in blood and carrying a knife. He was charged with attempted murder.

"Here's a man charged with attempted murder and involved in the production of 22 pounds of meth and he was granted bail. That's even scarier," Steinke says. "It makes it difficult for the police officers to do proper enforcement."

Controlling the production and consumption of meth is a major problem for police. The Gooderham 'super' meth lab was the sixth recently found in the province. "It's really scaring us. How many more are out there?"

Society should share the police's concerns. "Meth is one of the most highly addictive drugs," the OPP detective says. "The high is like no other. It's a euphoric high similar to cocaine except it lasts for 12 to 15 hours."

But that high also deprives the body of essential nutrients. As well, addicts will forego the basic necessities of life in order to use it. In just a few months their personal hygiene and wellbeing will deteriorate at an alarming pace. It attacks the immune system and can make the user psychotic and paranoid.

"All you have to do is go to the Faces of Meth website," says Steinke. "It's a brutal, brutal drug. It kills you from the inside out but it masks the slow death by a feeling of euphoria."

Police in Barrie recently seized a large

amount of the drug Ecstasy only to discover that some of the pills contained meth, not Ecstasy. "You have these people pushing Ecstasy but it's actually meth to get them hooked. It's about money and profit."

"Drugs in society will never go away because of the potential to make large

"Meth is a brutal, brutal drug. It kills you from the inside out but masks the slow death by a feeling of euphoria"
OPP's DEAN STEINKE

amounts of money with little risk. It's not going away."

Meth has been around for a long time but its production has really stepped up in the past couple of years. It has become the major drug export in Canada, where imports of cocaine top the drug charts. As the Gooderham experience shows, it's very easy for organized drug manufacturers to set up shop in rural areas for a few months at a time and then move off to another location to avoid detection.

In this case, police discovered the lab in the course of investigating another incident. In other cases, police rely on the public to let them know of any suspicious behaviour. And that includes people who rent properties to people who aren't there for much of the time.

If someone is renting a property in the winter as a cottage for a few months and "they don't snowmobile, they don't ski or they don't ice skate, do you think something might be up?" Why would someone rent a property and then show up only periodically and stay inside?

"To me it's buyer beware," says Steinke, noting that it will be the landowner's responsibility to pay the

costs of tearing down the Gooderham cabin and making sure the property is safe.

When someone wants to rent a property the owner should be asking a few questions. Where do they reside? Does the address they give you correspond to the address on their driver's licence? Do they give you a phone number where they can be reached?

"We all have to be somewhat inquisitive," Steinke says. "Making that dollar is one thing, and we all like to do it, but be aware of the consequences if something goes wrong."

Neighbours can also be the eyes and ears of police. When meth is being produced the space must be ventilated. When the fumes are being pumped outside they can be detected.

"You can be overcome by the fumes," Steinke says. One meth lab was found after a neighbour, who was outside next door, reported "a wicked taste of ammonia in his mouth - it's toxic and it hurts."

Police are also trying to educate young people to stay clear of meth. Officers use images of meth addicts to scare high school students away from the drug.

"What's the one thing a young person is really concerned of? It's their hygiene," he says. By showing teens photos of meth addicts whose teeth have fallen out and whose bodies are a mess, police hope that teens will remember those images if they're ever approached to try the drug.

As a father of teenagers, Steinke is aware of the dangers facing young people today. "I can only say to my kids, 'This stuff is bad. Stay away from it.'"

But Steinke believes parents shouldn't just warn their kids against meth. The carcinogens in marijuana are much more damaging than those found in cigarettes. And to parents who grew up in the '60s and '70s, when marijuana was seen as a harmless way to mellow out, he says the levels of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, a few decades ago was three to four milligrams. Today it's at least 30 milligrams. "There's no comparison."

Firefighters stand down to stand up for chief

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The recent dismissal of Highlands East Fire Chief Don Middleton has resulted in the resignation of four volunteer firefighters, including one member who is calling for a "stand down" unless Reeve Dave Burton and Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie resign.

Volunteer firefighter Lea Kitler, who has been active in the force since June 2004, tendered her resignation last week, promising to return only if both Mackie and Burton resign as councillors. In her written resignation, Kitler also demands that the two offer "a public apology to our community for the complete disregard for our safety."

In addition to her resignation, Kitler, who unsuccessfully ran for council last November, has also prepared a petition-like letter for community members to sign in support of firefighters who opt to stand down. The letter blasts Burton and Mackie for the lack of public input on the matter, and reads, "as public servants, council members have a responsibility to serve the community in our best interests."

Having worked under Middleton for the past two and a half years, Kitler says that she has seen no justifiable reason to terminate the chief's employment.

"[Middleton] has done a fantastic job in our community. He has built up our halls, offered us exceptional training opportunities, increased our equipment, and given us everything we've needed to be a very viable and sustaining fire department," says Kitler.

"I just feel that it's completely unfair for the reeve and deputy reeve to exercise their power in the way that they have. It's a personal vendetta for them, against our chief, and that's not fair to our community," she adds. "I hate to see a good man treated that way."

Although the reasons for Middleton's dismissal are not being made public (the resolution stated only that his employment would be terminated "without cause"), Kitler says she's fairly certain that much of criticism stems from two recent incidents – the fire at M.W. Hunter Lumber in Gooderham and the installation of surveillance cameras in Highlands East municipal buildings.

"There's a lot of speculation that the

chief had put in surveillance cameras and a lot of people were upset about that," says Kitler. "Well, the council at the time instructed him to do that and we have documentation of that."

"Also, the reeve and deputy reeve are saying that Don didn't act in best interest at the Hunter fire, but I was the third person on call for that fire and there was nothing more he could do. The Ontario Fire Marshal's office were in to investigate that and found no fault on Don's behalf. He had done everything he could, and they agreed with the decisions that he made," she says.



Lea Kitler is sending a letter to ratepayers asking for them to support her call for Reeve Dave Burton and Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie to step down.

Kitler is sending a letter to ratepayers asking for them to support her call for Reeve Dave Burton and Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie to step down. One of the firefighters supporting Kitler in her stand down is Orval Donaldson, who has volunteered his time at the Highland Grove station for nearly 20 years. Like Kitler, Donaldson says that standing down is a painful decision that he wishes he didn't have to make.

"It's very upsetting. I don't want to do this. I got into this to help my neighbours and try to ensure their safety but a person can only take so much. If they're doing this now, then what's next," he says.

"I just can't abide by some of the things that are being done. They are jeopardizing our safety and our integrity. I am so furious right now that I saw Dave Burton today and couldn't even look at him."

Donaldson says he also plans to raise concerns over the vote to dismiss Chief Middleton, and in particular, whether councillors who volunteer as firefighters should have declared an interest in the matter.

"Personally, I still don't think it was a valid vote," he says. "Two of the people who voted against him (Burton and Mackie) are firefighters, and for that reason they should have abstained from the vote."

Similar concerns were also raised by

councillor Suzanne Partridge at a previous meeting of council.

"I had suggested that it might be a conflict of interest for the reeve and deputy reeve to be involved in decisions regarding the fire services because both of them are volunteer firefighters," she said. "To me you can't be subordinate and superior at the same time, so although it might not technically be a conflict of interest, it's still conflicted."

When contacted by the *Echo*, Mackie said he failed to see the conflict and disagreed that his role as a volunteer firefighter should negate his duties as deputy reeve. He also noted that council discussed the matter with the municipality's lawyer who confirmed that he and Burton were free to vote in decisions regarding the fire department.

Mackie said it was unfortunate to hear that firefighters were resigning, but he also noted that the fire department has more than 20 new applicants looking to join the force, thanks in large part to a recent recruitment drive. In particular, Mackie said he was disappointed to hear that Donaldson had resigned, as he was a "valuable asset" to the force.

In recent weeks, both Mackie and Burton have come under fire for their support of a permanent asphalt plant on Crown land near Irondale. In particular, many residents have called for Burton's resignation, claiming he campaigned on the promise that he would not support

the project. (Mackie, on the other hand, openly campaigned on his support of the plant and the need for better asphalt).

But despite the recent calls for their resignation on the other matter, Kitler says that her only concern is over the dismissal of the fire chief, and suggests that council's decision may have just spawned a whole new pocket of detractors.

"My first stand, and my only stand, is as a result of Don being treated the way he has been treated. As a volunteer firefighter I'm taking a stand, but it breaks my heart to have to do this," she says. "I've been on the force for two and a half years and I love being able to provide my skills and abilities to my community...but I'm not going to let a good man like Don be treated this way without having my voice out there."

Kitler says she is hopeful that members of the community continue to come on-board in support of their firefighters who choose to step down, rather than work under the newly elected council. She also says that even if council were to reverse their decision tomorrow, she would still not reverse her decision to resign.

"I would love to go back but as long as Dave and Jim are on council, I will never get back on. I don't want to work for them," she says. "If they treat the chief like that, how are they going to treat me? For that matter, how are they going to treat the rest of the community, how are they going to treat the taxpayers?"

Electors can't 'impeach' councillors

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

There are eight ways that a municipal councillor can lose his or seat between elections – and be petitioned to resign isn't one of them.

"There are no means under the Municipal Elections Act or the Municipal Act to remove a member of council simply by petition," says Pat Urquhart, a municipal advisor with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in Kingston. "There's no way for a group of individuals to get together to force a politician to resign."

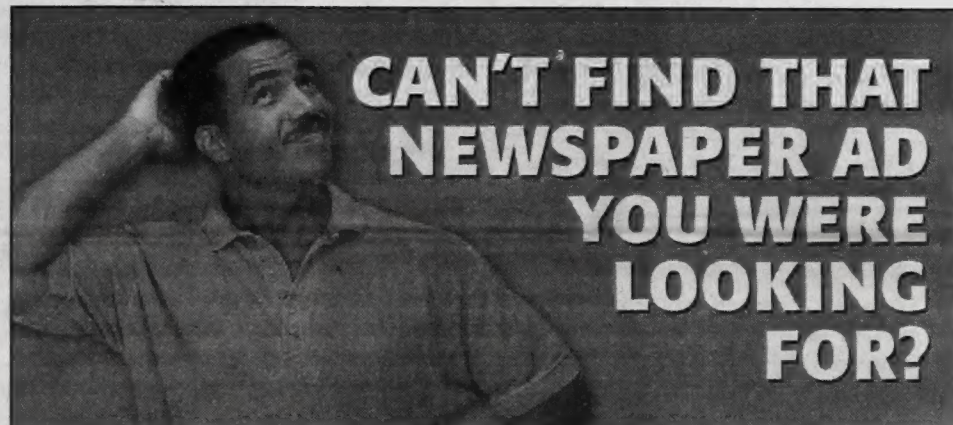
The *Echo* asked her whether a petition being circulated that calls for Highlands East's reeve and deputy-reeve to resign has legal standing.

Grounds for forcing a councillor to resign include being found guilty of an illegal act or no longer owning property in the municipality.

There is no municipal "impeachment" process.

The ministry has fielded several calls on the situation in Highlands East.

"As the ministry we don't have the power to police municipalities," she says. "We monitor it and provide support to staff and council."



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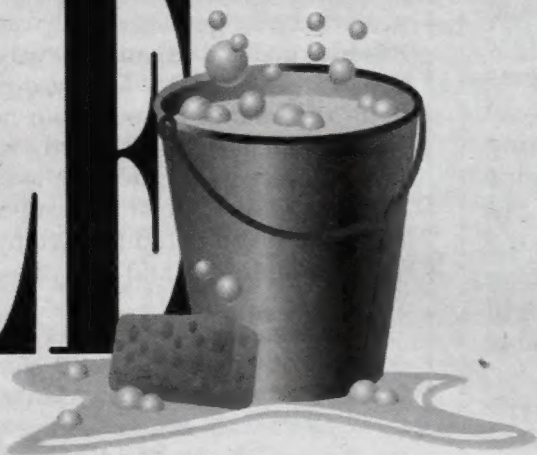


Stuart Baker Elementary School held an outdoor winter fun day Feb. 16, with games and activities for all students. Charles Cary (left) made bubbles, Brendan McKee and Cassie Stoughton (middle) tobogganed, and Sydney Cameron (right) did a potato-sack race. Photos by Casey Lessard

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it's about them. Then it's not news, it's scandalous that a newspaper would even deem to think it worthwhile. And you try getting someone to repeat their views on the record.

Be held accountable for what they say? No way.

Reporting on the firing of Highlands East Don Middleton is difficult because there's so much simmering below the surface. Proponents on both sides of the debate have a lot of opinions on the issues that led to the fire chief's dismissal. Emotions are running high. If the Echo were to print everything we heard we'd be facing as many lawsuits as there seem to be brewing in Highlands East. Was Don Middleton the maverick sheriff who was called into town to clean up a mess and understandably made a few enemies along the way? Or was he a little too zealous? Did he become a problem that had to be fixed?

What's becoming clear is that Elva Bates' prediction in this week's letter will likely come true: Highlands East taxpayers are about to spend a lot of money on legal bills. It's very likely that over the next four years council will be sued and do the suing – more than once. Middleton has already expressed that he's not content how much council is offering for severance. If council doesn't agree, what's next? How much will council spend on its efforts to prove it was justified to fire the fire chief? And what problem or difference of opinion will be solved with lawyers next?

This council's honeymoon period has been remarkably short. And if there's a divorce in the works, it's going to get very acrimonious. Battle lines are being drawn amongst voters just as there has been a clear split on council between the three male newcomers and the two female incumbents. Three-two votes are becoming the norm. Already the council seems unworkable and the municipality has yet to face any of the major challenges on the horizon, such as figuring out what to do with all their garbage when their dumps close. Is there any chance at all that the five will put aside their differences to work on what's best for the municipality and its ratepayers? Or will working together be taken as a sign of weakness? What will happen if every issue that reaches council's table becomes personal?

Highlands East is in a mess, although given the type of election we just witnessed, it's not really a surprise. But it's a controversy that the Echo would gladly do without if it meant that Highlands East was functioning smoothly. A well-run municipality with no controversies might make for boring headlines, but it would certainly be refreshing.



A rippled walkway

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

A tail of youth

MY SON HAS JUST entered the teenaged years. It's a time I'm looking forward to — but also dreading. I look forward to it because it means we'll grow closer, not just as father and son, but also as hunting and fishing buddies. I'm dreading it because I remember myself as a teenaged outdoorsman.

I first learned how to cast a fly rod at thirteen. Unfortunately, I learned straight out of an article out in an old Popular Mechanics encyclopaedia set. And, since we lived a few miles from water, I practised on our driveway. More than anything, this explains why I cast the way I do.

It took a while before I stopped getting tangled and got into the rhythm of actually throwing a fly line properly. But soon I got reasonably good at it which, if you ask me, is ample proof that fly casting is not as difficult as some people make it seem. The problem was that I needed a greater challenge than simply casting for distance on a suburban driveway.

Thank goodness for Monty, our neighbour's old tomcat. Around our neighbourhood that feline wasn't exactly well-loved. It could have had something to do with the fact that he was one of the scab-covered old toms that loved to fight, howl in back yards at midnight, and spray basement windows.

He was such a pain that my dad provided my brother and I with BB guns and then promptly put out a hit on Monty — one that had the tacit approval of several of our neighbours too. As I said, Monty was a nuisance.

Fortunately for Monty, my brother and I had a soft spot for cats, probably because we hung out in the same alleys and got chased by the same dogs. So, whenever

Monty approached we'd substitute spit balls for BBs and sting him on the backside, leaving him upset but none the worse for wear.

But my leniency for Monty had its limits. And that came when he started taking an active interest in my fly line. He'd leap out

of nowhere just as I was going to float a perfect cast in the hula-hoop target positioned at the end of the driveway. Invariably, he'd catch my line within his claws or fangs and mess it up with a kangaroo kick or two. Then, he'd follow it all the way back until I picked it up and recast. It got so that when he saw me casting, he'd actually come running and position himself at the end of the driveway, as if ruining my fly-casting practice was something even better

than spraying urine on a basement window.

One day, though, it occurred to me that I might have sport in my driveway yet. From there on in, every time Monty showed up, I'd pretend he was a rising trout. Before long, I was able to snap a nylon leader like a wet towel on his backside from 45 feet. On occasion, I even managed to cast several half hitches around his tail, an experience that came in handy when I finally made it to the local creek for smallmouth bass later that summer. Smallmouth bass, by the way, are only slightly less acrobatic than a tomcat caught by the tail.

The point is that's the stage my son is at now. It's that innocent but slightly mischievous place where all sportsmen start, a place tempered with a love of adventure, dreams of distant places, and an overriding urge to grab things that were never meant to be held by the tail.

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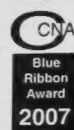
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Movie night

IT WAS OBVIOUS TO DANIEL that they were new to town and enthralled by what they saw. Urban in appearance, the man and woman walked casually down the sidewalk in that intimate way of people who are comfortable and happy with each other. Their expensive sport clothing belied the unsophisticated expressions they wore on their faces. Unaware of Daniel's observations, they sauntered arm-in-arm past shop windows and parked pickups, delightedly taking in all they saw. He had the impression that had they not been so polite,

they would have been pointing outright at the quaint, the unusual.

Just as they were nearly abreast and Daniel moved over to let them pass, they almost stopped in their tracks. The movie theatre had caught their attention. Daniel never gave this place much thought. It was old and a little shabby and had been in the same spot for as long as he could remember. But to these folks, it seemed somehow arresting. As he walked on past them, he tried to



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see the building's façade as it must look to these folks. Small, low tech, folksy and retro. Wait until they see the flashing marquee tonight, Daniel thought as he continued on to the grocery store.

For he had been planning to see those lights himself that very night. That would make it two weekends in a row that he had lined up for a show, despite satellite television and DVD rentals. He liked sitting in the anonymous dark, cocooned in his winter jacket to stay warm and his eyes and ears swept up by the tale unfolding on the big screen.

He also liked getting to the theatre a little early so he could people watch. Once the lights went out, Daniel's head was just another shadowy shape in the dark but until then, he tried to figure out what was happening around him. To begin, as he arrived through the front doors, Daniel noted who else had decided to leave their living rooms on a weekend night. The alliances and couplings became clear very quickly, as well as the loners, the escapers and the bored.

Choosing an aisle seat toward the front of the theatre, he settled himself and contemplated the surroundings. The smell of popcorn was as much a part of the upholstery as the grime of decades. And he always delighted in the art deco light fixtures mounted on painted concrete walls. Their coloured glow harkened back to those Saturday afternoon matinees of his childhood when a quarter bought his admission and he'd emerge after hours in the dark, blinking in surprise that it was still daylight.

Daniel looked around. Three rows ahead of him sat a boy and girl in their early teens. They were deep in conversation, their words unknown to Daniel but the reciprocity of their talk quite evident. Like tennis players, they passed their discussion back and forth, sometimes interrupting but usually listening intently to what the other said. Daniel could see half the boy's face in profile but only the back of the girl's head. Most of the time, the two faced each other as they spoke but every once in a while the girl would look away. When she did, the boy would continue to gaze at her, his eyes softening and sometimes shifting to take in more of her. His whole face changed in those moments and Daniel could see he really liked her.

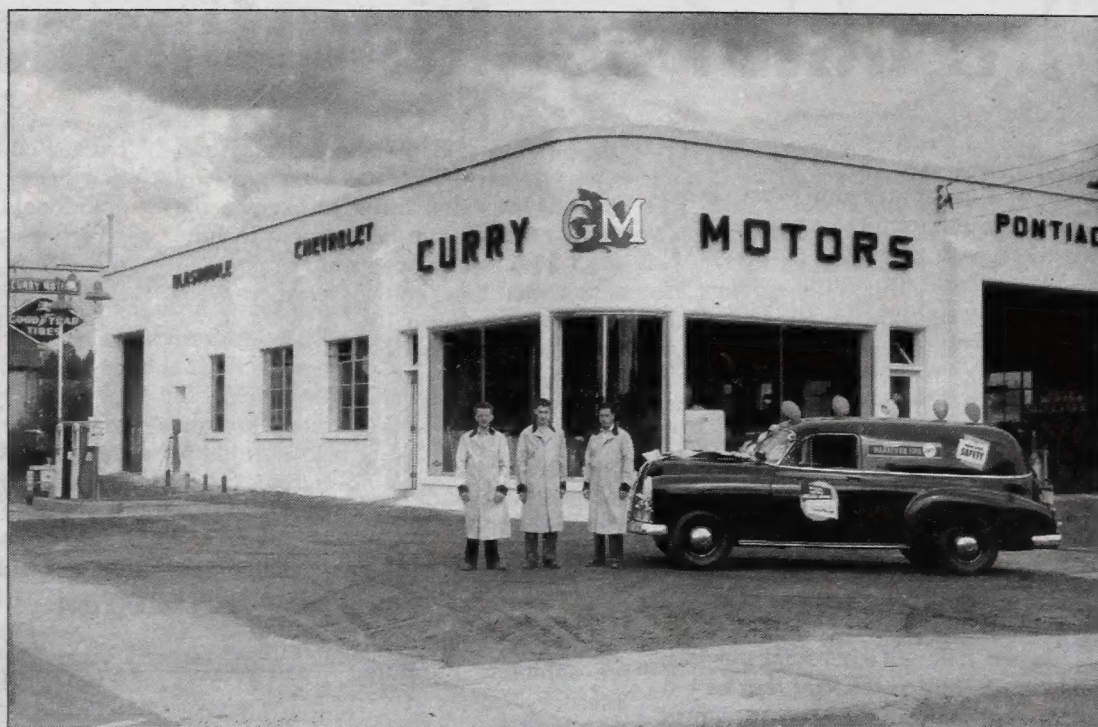
Daniel wondered if she did the same thing when the boy looked away but because of the angle from which he was observing, he had no way of telling. He imagined they were on their first date, a little uncertain and desperate for it to go well. All ready to make up an entire story about them in his head, it all changed when another couple joined them.

The shift in dynamics was instant. Immediately the girls locked eyes, giggled and began chatting a mile a minute, leaning over their seats to bring themselves closer. The boys also huddled, their talk more clipped with a trace of bravado in tone and emphasis. A date had suddenly changed to a friendly get together.

Daniel moved his gaze. Across the aisle, two women loaded down with enormous boxes of popcorn and sloshing drinks struggled to get seated without mishap. He wondered if they had left husbands at home in front of the hockey game or if one or both of them were unencumbered by a mate, their time their own. Or perhaps, he mused, they were a couple themselves, at which thought he looked closer, trying to find a clue as to the nature of their relationship. Twenty years ago he would never have even considered the possibility but now he knew people were more open in their preferences, less fearful. Still, he thought, it was a small town and, like the theatre, change did not always come quickly or easily.

The lights were dimming now, bringing his eyes forward to the screen. But before it was totally dark, he noticed two tardy arrivals. It was the couple from this afternoon, the rubber necking city slickers. They held hands as they looked for seats in the semi-gloom. When the lights went out, thought Daniel, leaning back and preparing to be entertained, we are all drawn to the flickering images of imagination.

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pic of the past

With the new Rexall opening this week at the main corner of Haliburton village this week, Joe Iles thought it was a good time to share this photo celebrating the opening of the corner's former occupant, Curry Motors. The photo was taken in 1949 and shows the car dealership's accountant Glenn Austin (who later left to buy IGA, sales manager Joe Iles (who eventually became a co-owner) and owner Ron Curry. The car is a '49 Pontiac Sedan Delivery. The post office was the original occupant of the corner, followed by a pharmacy and doctor's office. So the more things change...

letters to the editor

Ratepayers got what they voted for

To the Electors of Highlands East,

It is now 40 years since I was first introduced to the local municipal scene. During the years that I served as clerk-treasurer, reeve, county councillor and warden, I was fortunate to have never worked for, not been a part of, such an inept, divided, contentious council as the electors in Wards 1 and 4 and those electors across Highlands East who voted for the current reeve have subjected the residents of this municipality to for the 2006 - 2010 term of office.

By fair means or foul you got your candidates elected but now where have your knights in shining armour gone? Isn't Reeve Dave Burton doing what he told you he would do? Just what he damned well pleases and devil take the hindmost? Didn't you listen to him? A person is entitled to change his mind, right? But, you say, that's a female prerogative. (Is this why the male members of council decided it was too risky to send an experienced woman to county council to represent Highlands East?) Shouldn't Reeve Burton have remembered this when he voted as he did on that issue-to-end-all-issues, the asphalt plant? After all, you people who elected him seem to have been given the idea that he intended to vote otherwise. Or does testosterone reign at the Highlands East council table?

Is that what is at work now that this contingent of council has embarked on its campaign promise to replace department heads? One down, how

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MOE accepting comments on plant's water request

The Ministry of the Environment's Peter Taylor wrote the following letter to MPP Laurie Scott with respect to the Beamish Construction Bark Lake quarry application to take water for its proposed asphalt plant.

Beamish Construction submitted a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application to the Ministry of the Environment back in November 2006. The application was to take approximately 5.4 million litres of water per day for up to 200 days per year for the purpose of aggregate washing.

The proposal was posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) registry for a 30-day comment period which ended on Dec 17, 2006. During the EBR comment period we received only two or three comments on the proposal. Since the January resolution of Haliburton East council supporting a proposed permanent asphalt plant at the quarry we have received over 100 comments from various citizens regarding both the asphalt plant and the PTTW. All of these comments have been received outside of the official EBR comment period.

The MOE is still in the process of reviewing the PTTW application from a technical perspective. I cannot speculate when we will have our review technical completed, but can say that we will be looking to meet our customer service

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Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



Fire chief seeking financial compensation

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At least some of the controversy seems to centre around terminology used in the resolution, with particular emphasis on the phrase "without cause," which has led some to believe the decision was arbitrarily made.

In an interview with the Echo, Mackie said that wasn't the case, but he also said he couldn't elaborate on council's reasons for dismissing the chief since the reasons were all discussed during closed session meetings.

"I can only say that 'without cause' is a labour law legal term, but 'without cause' does not mean without reason," Mackie said.

However, following his final meeting with council, Middleton said that he too remained unclear on the exact reason as to why he was abruptly dismissed.

"I'm disappointed in the whole process because I never did get an explanation," he said. "Before the vote I was given a 30-second or 45-second opportunity to address council, and the reeve wanted to know if I had any comments. I didn't know what to comment on, because I haven't been told of an outage or an improvement area I need to work on. I think it's all personality."

Middleton said that he suspects animosity towards him has been growing since he was first hired to oversee the Highlands East fire department in June of 2003 by a previous group of councillors. At that time, council felt there were some issues with the department that needed to be addressed, so on the advice from the Fire Marshal's Office, they tendered for the position of fire chief and hired from outside the tightly-knit community – a decision that angered some of the firefighters who would have preferred to see someone promoted internally.

"Whenever you bring someone in from the outside there are a number of people who take offence to that. They want it done in-house but unfortunately it's extremely difficult for someone in-house to do that kind of work, either because of close friendships or family relations," said Middleton. "It's very common now for fire departments or emergency services to bring someone in from the outside when they

have identified a number of problems that need to be addressed without any emotional thought process."

Perhaps the most shocking thing about the recent decision, said Middleton, is that the new council's sentiments are a complete turn-around from those of the previous council, and likewise, don't seem to line up with many of the firefighters themselves.

"The firefighters are very upset because there didn't seem to be any consultation with them regarding how they felt," he said.

"Everybody was under the opinion that we were moving ahead," he said.

"We were doing a lot of training – many of the firefighters have received training that none had before – and we have a lot of new equipment, including five new vehicles in the fleet since 2003."

Former Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman says he too was taken aback by the decision to remove the chief, particularly since it was his council who made the decision to bring Middleton on board.

"Don, as far as I'm concerned, has been one of the leading people in our municipality," said Tallman. "I can't understand what's happening. We never had any trouble with him and he was always highly respected for what he's done in this community."

Tallman also expressed concerns over where the municipality would find a suitable and properly-trained replacement for Middleton. Until such a replacement is found, Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan has been appointed as the interim chief of the Highlands East department.

"[Middleton] certainly knows what he's doing, so to replace him, well I don't

know who is going to be qualified enough to take that position," said Tallman. "But I certainly hope they can resolve this quickly."

While the municipality begins the search for a new fire chief, Middleton advised the Echo that he will be contacting a lawyer in order to help him seek financial compensation. Middleton said he was offered a "very, very small" severance package from the municipality – which he speculates was the bare minimum required by law – but said he will also incur other personal costs as a result of the termination, such as the cost to remove emergency lights and radio equipment from his personal vehicle. (The previous council had asked Middleton if he would use his own personal vehicle in an attempt to save the township money).

"I feel bad about it, because obviously any financial restitution would be coming out of the pockets of the ratepayers," Middleton said. "And they're not the problem."

"It's just a difficult time for me," he added. Firing him "was just another one of those campaign promises that was made and people thought 'Well, they'll never go through with that.' Unfortunately it's made for a very hostile environment in the workplace at Highlands East. It seems to be a personal agenda by some of the council members, and whether this is what constituents want or not, this is what we're doing."

At least one councillor, ward 4's Gary Stoughton, publicly promised during the election campaign last fall that he would try to "get rid of" the fire chief. At the first candidates meeting, held at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce last October, Stoughton vowed that, if he were elected, Middleton had better "start looking for a new home."

Councillor Stoughton and Reeve Burton were both out of town and unavailable for comment at press time.

“It's made for a very hostile environment in the workplace at Highlands East. It seems a personal agenda.”

DON MIDDLETON

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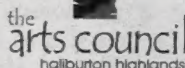
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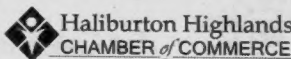
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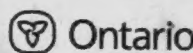


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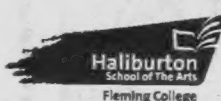


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Get your facts right

To the Editor:

In response to the letter by G. Jones I feel the need to address his or her ill-informed comments. First of all I would suggest he/she get his/her facts straight. I do not own Mac D's Butcher Shop. How dare one make a comment that in no way had nothing to do with me? As far as the business's closure, I would suggest G. Jones contact the previous owner and I am sure he will be set straight as to where the beef is. Apology number one required.

Second it was not my idea to be described as "as a previous reeve". Apology number two required.

Finally if one submits a letter to the editor have the courage to print your full name and specific address. Not doing so confirms a lack of integrity.

Beverly MacDuff

(note I've given my full name and address)

Gooderham

Surveillance must follow rules

To the Editor:

Although I agree with Martha Perkins' editorial in principle, the issue regarding the video and audio cameras has been distorted. Public safety and the safety of municipal property are necessities but there are ways and means to do this: public participation and awareness.

The issue here is that this was not undertaken by Highlands East. The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario has guidelines that an institution "shall" abide by and that is the bottom line. If there are infractions then an investigation can be initiated which is exactly what I requested the I.P.C. to do.

The cameras in Highlands East were NOT in clear view of the public, and there was no resolution by council authorizing the purchase or installation of the cameras, no policy in place to deal with interception of private communications, no policy setting guidelines, no resolution assigning a person to view and keep safe the video and audio recordings, and no resolution or bylaw assigning an individual to answer questions that the public may have about the cameras. There is no grey area here: this practice was absolutely wrong.

Lets get the facts and issues straight. I do not disagree with video surveillance in public places if done properly and openly according to guidelines set out by the Information and Privacy Commission. That is what they are there for.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

Seasonal residents count – and pay

To the Editor:

In reference to Mr. Jones' letter last week it should be noted that I have personally seen the site in which the proposed asphalt plant is on, as we met with the Ministry of Environment and Beamish on February 19.

Our family has been on this nearby lake for nearly 50 years and we have measured very accurately the distance of impact from this asphalt quarry. We are very concerned about the health of our children and the surrounding community as to what damage these asphalt fumes has to the environment and the citizens' health.

Yes we live up there seasonally but pay outrageous taxes for our 100' property, and plan to live full-time very soon. We do count - we vote! Without our seasonal tax dollars many services in Highlands East would go bust.

Anytime Mr. Jones would like to borrow my 3D topographic map and measure from Beamish's gate to our property he is more than welcome. It is exactly one mile!

Cathy Logan
Contau Lake

Ol' boys club is at work

To the Editor:

I disagree with the actions Highlands East council has taken against our Fire Chief Don Middleton.

As a community we need to stand together and not let this happen. I would encourage Don to take whatever action at his disposal to fight this injustice. I am certain that most of the community will stand behind him.

Don's only crime is that he straightened out an otherwise laid back good ol' boys club and turned it into a professional fire department that we can all be proud of. If he ruffled council's feathers in doing it then so be it.

Let's not see the best fire chief this township has seen get fired because of an incompetent council. I certainly don't want to go back to the good ol' boys fire department we once had. That's not what I pay taxes for.

Susan Carter
Glamorgan

Expect to pay for decisions

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many to go? Have any of you financial wizards who elected these men calculated the cost to the ratepayers for the unjust dismissal suits that are sure to follow and the cost to the municipality in terms of replacing those dedicated, knowledgeable employees? Or the time involved to recruit and train, not to mention the higher salary any competent candidate will demand? And would any competent candidate consider applying for a position in Highlands East?

Never has The Echo got so much mileage out of this corner of the county; first the election campaign with its promises, slanderous comments and innuendos, then the election and its aftermath and now coverage of the council meetings. It is just one long saga which should be entitled "Woe to the Ratepayers". This negative press has already turned away potential residents – will any business or industry consider location within the borders of Highlands East knowing the negative political climate that we are guaranteed for another 45 months?

But, hey, we live in a democracy, don't we? We have the kind of council the majority of the electors in Wards 1 and 4 and the majority of the reeve-electors across the municipality wanted.

Elva V. Bates
Gooderham

Beamish reduces water request

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commitments to the company. As the technical review has really just started, I cannot say if we will also require additional technical information to assist us.

In the meantime, given the significant public concern, I have indicated I am receptive to receiving comments from the public. Comments can be directed to my e-mail address at peter.g.taylor@ontario.ca

Since we spoke our technical staff have been in touch with the company's consultant regarding the volumes of water taking. The consultant has re-scoped their water-taking request to better reflect the actual water needs of the closed loop aggregate washing system. The revised proposal has water takings at 349,920 litres per day for up to 14 days per year and 490,608 litres per day for up to 60 days per year. This is a significant decrease in the overall amount of water the applicant is seeking.

Peter Taylor, Water Resources Supervisor
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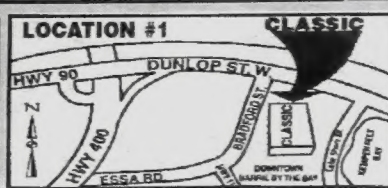
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Highland Storm Pee wee Reps ousted

JULIE MACINNES

Special to the Echo

After getting a bye in the opening round of the OMHA playdowns, the Highland Storm Pee wee rep team was up against a familiar foe in the Ennismore Eagles.

Previously the Storm beat the Eagles 2-0 in the Storm's home tourney, lost to the Eagles 3-2 in the round robin of the Wasaga Silver Stick regional and then defeated the Eagles 5-3 in the Wasaga championship game. There was good reason to believe this best 3-of-5 series would go the distance.

Ennismore won the toss and hosted game one. The score was 3-2 for the Eagles late in the third period when the Storm coaches pulled goalie Rob Lewis for an extra attacker. A clearing attempt by an Eagle defender hit the empty net sealing a 4-2 victory.

Game Two saw the Storm do the same to the Eagles with Stephan Schollig scoring the empty-netter, giving the Storm the 4-2 win.

Game three in Ennismore proved to be the most thrilling with both teams fighting tooth and nail to a 4-4 tie at the end of regulation play. With just over two minutes remaining in overtime Tanner Hamilton fed a beautiful pass to Nick Hunter in the slot. Nick one-timed it past the shocked Eagles goalie for the win.

With a chance to wrap up the series at home in game four the Storm came out over-confident and were outhustled in a 4-0 loss to the green machine.

This set up game five back in the Ennismore barn and, facing elimination, both teams were ready to get at it. The contest was a physical, tight checking affair with the Storm having 11 powerplay opportunities and the Eagles five. Both goalies stood on their heads and, deep in the third, with Ennismore up 3-2, the Storm once again pulled "Razor" Rob Lewis for an extra skater.

The Storm had wicked pressure down low but couldn't find the back of the net. The final buzzer sounded and the Eagles had defeated the Storm in this awesome five-game series. In a great show of sportsmanship both teams lined up at centre ice for the traditional handshakes and congratulations, which made all the parents and fans very proud. After all, minor hockey is for the kids and it is gratifying to see they're being taught more than just hockey.

I congratulate all the Storm players for their positive attitudes and team play. Whether it was sacrificing their bodies to block shots or sacrificing their ice time in crucial situations and cheering on their teammates, they were all as one. Good job.

There is an old saying, "Success is the journey, not the destination." How true.

Pee wee AEs on the road to the finals

The Haliburton Subway Highland Storm Pee wee AEs are preparing for their quest for the MPS "C" championship. The Storm's opponents will be the Bears from Bracebridge.

Even though the Storm had a record of 3-1 during the regular season vs the Bears, the Storm know not to take their opponent lightly. When asked, Storm goalie Mitch "Moose" Byers said "this series could go all five games but if we give it 100 per cent there is no reason we can't win it in three."

With Megan, Jessica, Tyler, Cody and Ben on "D" and Kris, Matt, Riley, John, Troy and Kieran up front, this team is looking forward to hoisting the MPS cup high above their heads. Good luck, Storm!

The series is the best 3 out of 5, or 6 points. The series is:

Tuesday, Feb. 27 7:30 p.m. in Minden
Friday, Mar. 2 7:00 p.m. in Baysville
Sunday, Mar. 4 12:00 p.m. in Port Carling
Friday, Mar. 9 7:00 p.m. in Haliburton if necessary
Sunday, Mar. 11 12:00 p.m. in Port Carling if necessary
Come on out and watch some exciting Storm hockey and cheer on the kids. Check the team's progress visit the Highland Storm website, www.highlandstorm.org.

Atom A hockey team has much to brag about this season

WENDY SISSON

Special to the Echo

It is safe to say that the Highland Storm's Atom A hockey team has the skill and determination to go all the way.

After finishing the season with an 18-0 record, bringing home the Silver Stick finalist banner (losing the final game in overtime), and winning the Peterborough Lift Lock Tournament, this team has some bragging rights. The Storm organization can be proud of this group. Because the Atom Storm has been successful, on occasion their opponents have tried to draw them into penalties. But this

team knows where to hurt the others the most - on the scoreboard.

In the playoffs the team first completed a three-game sweep against Ennismore, outscoring them 16-4.

Next it was onto Schomberg where the Storm took that series again in three games, outscoring them 17-4.

The team is now headed to the All-Ontario semi-finals to play Dunnville.

Out-skating the opposition by dodging around the defence will be Curtis Ballantyne, Nathan Feir, and Tyler Barry. Reading the rebounds and having strong corner play are Connor Dollo and Devon Upton. But look out in front of the net and find Spencer Trueman waiting for the pass to make the one-timer at the net. Of course, the other

The Atom Rep team played their first two games in Dunnville this past weekend, winning both of them. This weekend the Storm hosts Dunnville for Game 3 and 4 at the Minden arena.

Best 3 out of 5 or 6 points
Feb. 24: Storm 4 - Dunnville 3
Feb. 25: Storm 3 - Dunnville 1
Mar. 3: Storm vs Dunnville in Minden @ 3 p.m.
Mar. 4: Storm vs Dunnville in Minden @ 2 p.m.
Mar. 10: Storm @ Dunnville 2:45 p.m.
Mar. 11: Storm @ Dunnville 3 p.m.

team will make a rush but waiting with feet firmly planted on the blue line to give the wake-up call will be Jacob Sisson or Owen Flood. Racing out from behind the net, going coast to coast, will be Chris Hall and with the hardest wrist shot of all the defence is Julia Fedeski with the strong clearing shot.

Now, with the goalies not being severely tested through regular season, the question is, will they be able to step up and hold those close games in the Storm's favour? The answer is "You betcha!" Jordan Hamilton and Brayden Frost consistently keep the puck from passing them.

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HHSS Red Hawks wrestlers advance to provincial finals

The 2006-07 wrestling season wraps up this week with three HHSS athletes competing at the provincial championships in Brampton.

Kalem Kyle (83 kg), Christianna Walker (51 kg) and Alex Purnell (44 kg) ranked among the top two wrestlers in their respective weight classes at the COSSA championships to advance to the OFSAA Championships.

Coaches Dan Fockler and Paul Klose are pleased with this year's performances leading up to the provincial tournament. Twenty-four Red Hawks wrestlers completed at the Kawartha Championships on February 16. Seventeen HHSS athletes ranked in the top four of their division, advancing to the COSSA meet. As a result both the Red Hawks men's team and the women's team placed second among Kawartha schools.

On February 20, the Red Hawks travelled to Trenton to compete at the COSSA wrestling championships. Over 170 wrestlers from the central Ontario region competed at the event, vying for one of the top two positions and a chance to compete at OFSAA. Competition was fierce in most weight categories as Haliburton wrestlers battled to earn a position in the finals.

HHSS coaches were extremely impressed with the Grade 10 wrestlers on the team. Most competitors at this

level are senior students in their fourth or fifth year of high school. Junior Red Hawks wrestlers performed very well throughout the day.

Harley Foulds (72 kg) and Cody Griffin (61 kg) each had four intense matches in two particularly competitive weight classes. Griffin and Foulds each earned a fourth place rank. With a talented group of junior wrestlers, Klose and Fockler are confident and excited about the future wrestling prospects for the next two years.

In his fifth year of wrestling, Kalem Kyle has demonstrated all season that he is capable of wrestling at the provincial level. With a record of 15 wins and two losses, he has earned the title of Kawartha Champion and COSSA silver medalist.

Christianna Walker is in her first year of wrestling and impressed her coaches with her natural athleticism and competitive drive. Her technique has improved throughout the season resulting in Kawartha gold and COSSA silver medals.

Fellow rookie Alex Purnell dominated his weight class all season. Coaches Fockler and Klose enjoy his enthusiasm for the sport. Equipped with speed, agility and a love of competition, Purnell has easily handled most opponents all season. Congratulations to Alex on earning the COSSA championship gold medal.



Top: Alex Purnell gains control and attempts a crossface on his opponent.
Bottom: Grade 10 wrestler Cody Griffin surprised many of his senior opponents. Here, Griffin is shown winning one of his matches with a pin.

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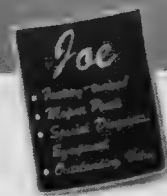
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Senior girls' volleyball team hosts championships



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls' volleyball team ended its season as hosts of the Kawartha championships Wednesday. The team placed 6th. Left: Brooke Hamilton prepares to spike her serve. Middle: Natalia Rico bumps the ball. Right: Larissa Vassos waits for the whistle.

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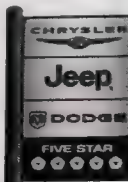
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Ski school

About 50 area children have been spending their Saturday afternoons learning to cross country ski with the Haliburton Ski Club at Glebe Park. Above left: Megan Lapierre, Charlene Hicks, Christine Darlington and Kara Bowers take part in the jackrabbit class. Above: Sandy Griffith takes her chances on a jump set up near the clubhouse. Below: Sam Longo and Samantha Miller prepare for a race. Bottom: Madeline Hopkins is intent on being the fastest.



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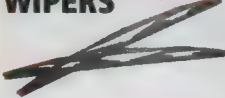
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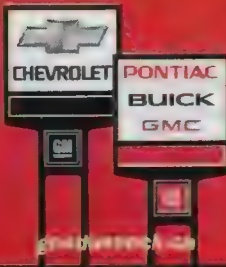
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CATHERINE WHITNALL

Special to the Echo

Even the best skier can experience an injury. When this happens, skiers can rest assured there are professionally trained individuals like Karen Rae Short and Matthew Short sharing the ski hill with them.

Karen and Matthew have been members of the Canadian Ski Patrol System (CSPS) since 1995. The Burnt River couple's 'home' hill is Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake.

Since joining, both Matthew and Karen have been active as patrollers, spending many years as instructors and coordinators of first aid training, and have been involved in many other aspects in the Kawartha Zone of CSPS - not the least of which being a variety of events organized by fellow patrollers, making the camaraderie the ideal bonus.

In many ways, had Karen and Matthew known how much fun, and how rewarding, being a ski patroller could be, they would have signed up long ago. But it's been a decision they have never regretted.

"We had been talking about it for a number of years and then a member of our church, Tom Curlew, who is also a patroller, told us about this incredible opportunity," says Karen.

Although Matthew wasn't a huge fan of the sport, Karen had started skiing when she moved to Ontario as a young adult. The two decided it was something they could do together as a couple that would also yield other 'benefits'.

"The first thing we thought was, 'Hey, free skiing'," says Karen.

But, while the membership fee is extremely reasonable and there are ample opportunities to be out on the slopes, the fact of the matter is "you're supposed to be working" retorts Karen.

"So it's impossible to be out there enjoying yourself. You have to be ready and alert for anything," she added.

And while there's the added bonus of access to top quality first aid, CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) training, there's also the added expense of having to purchase new skis, boots and poles every year or so, on top of such standard gear as ski pants, hats, gloves, mitts and the required ski patrol clothing. Never mind if you want to also tackle snowboarding, which comes with its own 'extras', points out Karen.

Despite all this, Karen and Matthew decided to take a chance 12 years ago and tackle the idea of becoming ski patrollers.

"Unfortunately, on the first day of training, I wasn't as prepared as I should have been," quips Matthew.

It all stemmed back to the first ski hill he ever tackled. Dubbed Calamity Hill - which Matthew jokes should have been the first indicator - the three-minute run at Blue Mountain wound up taking him more than an hour to complete.

"That was it for the year. In fact, I almost quit permanently," says Matthew. Eventually, Matthew learned how to ski quite well, thanks to extra lessons provided through the patrol.

"And we both learned how to ski well enough to get the sled down the hill," says Karen of the rescue sled which is supposed to always travel behind the patroller. "It's not an easy skill to learn. I've been doing it for some time now and I can manage to keep it behind me most



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Twelve years ago Karen Rae Short and Matthew Short took the plunge and became members of the ski patrol at Sir Sam's. It is professionally trained individuals like the Shorts that help to keep the slopes safe.

of the time."

When individuals first join the ski patrol team, they must be able to pass a ski and toboggan handling test. After all, the individual they are rescuing could be seriously injured and/or unconscious. They are totally dependent on the rescuer and extremely vulnerable. Handling a rescue sled takes a combination of physical and mental skill - although the pendulum swings heavier to the physical side which makes being a skilled skier crucial for some people.

"It's not simply a case of man-handling a sled down a hill. It's not always that easy and some people are simply stronger than others. But you also have to have a certain degree of control," says Karen.

Each year, ski patrollers must also pass first aid examinations and receive added training.

When Karen and Matthew first started out, neither had a medical background nor any prior first aid training. Now, Matthew is one of three Heart and Stroke Foundation CPR certified instructors.

While most of the people who come to Sir Sam's to ski are regulars - many of them having cottaged in the area during the summer months - there are always those who are newcomers to the Haliburton Highlands. Even still, everyone is welcomed to the hill in the same manner, notes Karen.

"The Bishop family started Sir Sam's more than 40 years ago and they're still involved," says Karen. "Many of the adults grew up with their children and are now bringing their children to the hill. So it's very much a family atmosphere."

For the most part, Karen and Matthew's time on the hill is quiet. In fact, it's pretty much par for the course for Sir Sam's, adds Matthew.

"Occasionally, we have those people who really shouldn't be on the hill and they wind up getting hurt or hurting someone else," states Matthew.

Even then, the majority of injuries are to wrists and ankles. In one ski season, 25 patrollers addressed 108 accidents during 2,950 hours of patrol time. Sometimes, there's a little bit of excitement, though. One year, a racer lost control and wound up taking an unexpected detour through

the timers' tent.

"That had to be the oddest thing we've seen," says Karen, adding that, in Sir Sam's 41-year history there has been only one death. That led to more training for the patrollers in order to help deal with the circumstances associated with fatalities.

But there's also up sides to being a patroller - aside from helping a person in need. There's the opportunity to help out with Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing. This organization works with individuals who have physical and cognitive disabilities

PATROL FOR A DAY WITH SIR SAM'S SKI PATROL ON SATURDAY

If you are 18 or older, join Sir Sam's Ski Patrol on Saturday, March 3 for a fun day at Sir Sam's Ski Area in Heagle Lake. On that day, skiers and snowboarders will be able to see what it is really like to be a member of the Canadian Ski Patrol System. You can visit the patrol room (and you don't have to be injured to be there!), learn about what the team can do to be prepared to help injured skiers, ski the runs with a patroller's eye and decide for yourself whether you'd like to become a patroller next season.

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For more information on how to patrol for a day call Sir Sam's Patrol Leader Ross Pawson at 489-3802, or e-mail rpawson@halibnet.on.ca. From Wednesday to Sunday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., you'll find Ross at Sir Sam's Ski Area, 754-2298. Can't make it on March 3 and still interested? Call Ross anyway or go to www.kawartha.ski-patrol.ca for more information.

"It's a great group of people. They really inspire you," says Matthew, quipping some of them ski better than he does.

Despite the added personal cost, the times when - fortunately - nothing happens and the potential for something serious to happen, not to mention annual training, taking care of the patrol room and leader duties, when the mercury starts to head south, Karen and Matthew can't wait to hit the slopes. Why?

"There are a lot of great reasons," begins Karen. "If you're lucky, you're part of a team that gets along very well together, forming new friendships, going on ski trips together, summer golf tournaments and parties. Plus you acquire skills that help you in your work and personal relationships. The first aid, CPR, communications and leadership skills look great on a resume, and help in job interviews."



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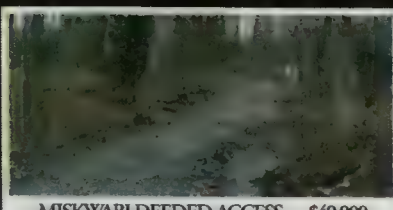
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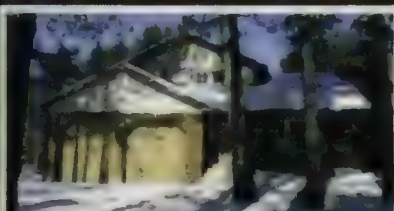
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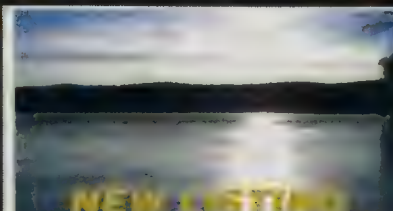
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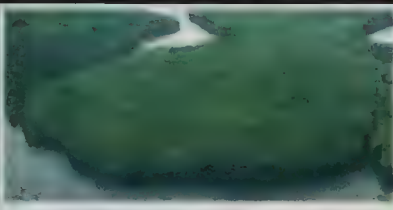
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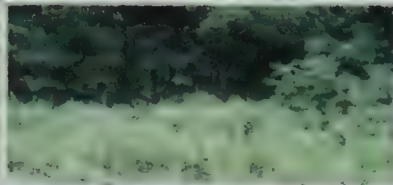
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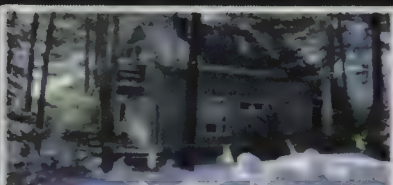
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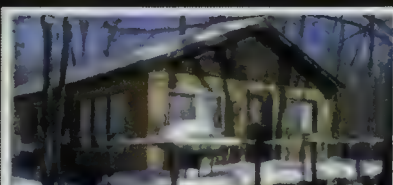
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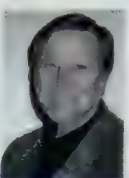
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Second Connor Duhaime, Vice Edward Cyr, Lead Curtis Nichol and Skip Jake Walker are the Kawartha curling champs.

HHSS curlers strike gold

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys curling team just returned from the Peterborough Golf and Country Club as Kawartha champions.

They were first place (and undefeated) in Kawartha South West:

- Feb. 5 at Fenelon Falls Curling Club
 - defeated I.E. Weldon 3 - 1
 - defeated LCVI 4 - 0 after five ends
- Feb. 13 at Omeme Curling Club
 - defeated Fenelon Falls Secondary School 9 - 4 after 6 ends
 - defeated Campbellford-District High School 11 - 4 after 6 ends

They placed first in Kawartha South West with four wins and no losses.

In the Kawartha Championship, the boys were undefeated at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club:

- Feb. 19
 - defeated Adam Scott 10 - 1 after six ends
- Feb. 21
 - defeated Crestwood Secondary School 8 - 4
- Feb. 23
 - defeated I E Weldon 9 - 0 after five ends

The boys now advance to COSSA in Bancroft on March 5. The top team from COSSA advances to the all-Ontario finals.

High school band hits high note

For the first time in school's history, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School concert band has been invited to compete at the national finals.

The HHSS concert band represented the county at the Ontario Band Association Concert Band Festival in Richmond Hill on February 14. The judges were impressed with the confident performance and consistent technique that the band showed through different styles of music.

The band earned a High Silver rating which comes with an invitation to participate in the national finals of MusicFest. This is the highest rating that a concert band from HHSS has ever achieved at a MusicFest regional event and the first time that one has been invited to the national finals. (The school's jazz band has been asked twice to the nationals.)

The concert band is made up of students from grades 9 through 12 who are now eager to move on to another level of music making.

The finals are in Richmond, B.C. in mid-May. The band can choose to defer their invitation for one year and participate in the finals when they are held in Ottawa in May 2008.

A site to see

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Five men charged in hunting offences

Five Haliburton-area men have been fined \$7,000 after pleading guilty to hunting offences.

Jack D. Morrison, 29, of West Guilford, has been fined \$2,000 for illegally killing an adult cow moose and \$1,000 for abandoning it. He is also suspended from hunting for two years.

Jack J. Morrison, 61, and Andrew Billings, 30, both of Haliburton, Patrick Morrison, 60, of West Guilford, and Beverley Billings, 58, of Tory Hill, were each fined \$1,000 for their part in abandoning the moose.

Court was told that on October 18, 2004, Jack D. Morrison shot and killed a cow and calf moose while hunting in Wildlife Management Unit 60A. His hunting party did not have an adult cow validation tag so they took the calf but left the cow to spoil. Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers charged the group in October 2006 after a two-year investigation.

There are a limited number of bull and cow validation tags allocated in Wildlife Management Unit 60A to ensure moose populations aren't adversely affected. The Ministry of Natural Resources reminds hunters who mistakenly shoot the wrong animal to call the ministry immediately. Officers will investigate and take into account all of the circumstances. It is unethical to let fish or game spoil and courts take it seriously when sentencing offenders.

Justice of the Peace Jason Mariasine heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on February 8, 2007.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Hilda Clark

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Eileen Taylor Agnew, who died February 13, was a teenager when she arrived in Wilberforce with her parents Jack and Elsie Taylor, brothers and baby sister. As foreman of this section of the railway, her dad settled the family in the heart of the village. When her mother died, Eileen helped tend her younger siblings. With her marriage to Murray Agnew and raising their family here, Eileen has always been the heart of the village. She was always a big part of the family business – and a family business Agnew Store is, with three daughters and a son-in-law all part of it. At the store she always had time for those who came to shop or to get the mail.

Eileen enjoyed travel, occasionally slipping away for short vacations. In 2006 she took a trip to spend time with sister Elsie on Vancouver Island and Las Vegas. But home was where she was happiest, taking part in all the family ventures and outings including the latest, geo-caching.

She was such a supporter of everything in the community. And what a Loop Troupe fan she was, usually attending all performances.

A member of St. Margaret's Church, Eileen was A.C.W. president for many years. With her BEAR books program she quietly raised funds for many good causes. Eileen will be missed not only by her family but by her community family, those of us who knew and loved her.

May we add our condolences to her family; Mary and John Barker, Cathy, Phillip, Wynne (Dave Reid); to grandchildren, Jodi (Mike Rupnow), Luke and Behn Barker, Meghann Agnew; and great-grandchildren, Drew and Ryan Rupnow. Also in our thoughts are her brother Bob (Marion), sister Elsie (Neil Hennigman), sisters-in-law

Doreen Taylor and Flo Taylor, and brother-in-law Ross Agnew. Eileen was predeceased by her husband Murray, son Fred and brothers Bill and Fred.

Writer's circle meets at the Outpost Museum this Thursday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. All writers are welcome.

Twelve students from the Wilberforce School participated in the public speaking event hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624, last Thursday. Six story tellers from grades one to three, and six speakers from grades four to six bravely mounted the stage at the LWMC and related their stories. The younger group had tales of a loon, a cat, pigs, a dog, a duckling and a trip. Kelsey Maracle telling about her cat Smokey, placed first. Jade McCartney's tale of the black Lab dog was second, and Caleb Manus placed third with his version of the Three Little Pigs. The older children spoke on some unusual subjects. Christina Berning placed first with her often humorous tale of her Pet Guinea Pig. Stan Riley who disclosed some interesting facts about monkeys, was second. Shenese Alden cleared up the facts about the Light Bulb in her third place speech. Other speakers told of My Argo, No TV Reception, and a Chickadee Friend. Congratulations to all the students who worked hard to prepare their stories and the courage to present them.

The annual World Day of Prayer service in this area will be hosted by St. John of Vianney R.C. in Highland Grove this Friday, March 2nd at 1:30pm. All welcome.

The pancake luncheon at St. Margaret's last Tuesday was a pleasant community event, over 70 attended and all seemed to enjoy their meal.

It's fun playing golf in the winter. Two versions of this popular card game were played at the afternoon session of games day at the Outpost Museum. With February 15 being Flag Day another group who played Canada-oply enjoyed owning properties such as the CN Tower and events such as the Calgary Stampede. During the evening program the Pathfinders and Guides joined in checkers, dominoes, crokinole, and racko. It's great to have people of all ages playing table games together.

A round of applause for public speaking competitors

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Mel Smith

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The Legion public speaking contest was held on February 22 at Lloyd Watson Centre and was just great. It was a really difficult job for the judges who were judging the speeches. There are 16 very important rules that must be followed and all the speeches were excellent.

Although these six children won the categories, I was very proud of the efforts that all the children put forth. All who participated should be very proud of themselves. It is not easy to get up and give a speech in front of your peers. Congratulations to all.

There are many great upcoming events and remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to friends.

February 26: 7:00 p.m. Pool (free)
February 27: 1:00 p.m. Open Cribbage Tournament
February 28: 1 p.m. Euchre
February 28: 7:30 p.m. Darts the last day of February
March 1: 1:00 p.m. L.A. Meeting
March 2: 1:00 p.m. Pool
March 3: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
March 3: 9:00 p.m. Karaoke
March 6: 7:00 p.m. Legion Executive Meeting

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The Rails End Gallery hosted Inuit inspired activities Saturday in Head Lake Park. The games coincided with an exhibit by artist Mary Intven-Wallace. Left: Desmond Shaw makes his way ahead of dad Jana and sister Zelda as they try out snowshoes. Above: Adrienne Aitken helps her niece Jayde Wanless dig a snow fort. "It's fun," Jayde said. Right: Alistair Yapp, 3, sprays food colouring onto his snow sculpture.

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Brushstrokes and best birthday wishes

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Valerie Smith

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February 20 was not only Brushstrokes Day at the Highland Grove Community Centre but a very special day for a very special lady. Claire Evangeline Loft sat gently smiling amid her friends as they sang Happy Birthday to her and presented her with a cake and special notes of best wishes on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Claire has been a very special lady in our community for numerous years now. She and husband Ed first bought a cottage in Gooderham in the early '60s and in 1985 they purchased their home in Harcourt. Over the years she and Ed have filled their days going to auctions and purchasing interesting items such as old and out of the ordinary pieces of jewellery, books, china and more for their antique shop.

In her free time, Claire has spent many enjoyable hours painting both oil and watercolours. Claire first started painting by taking art courses in Timmins as a young girl and finished with a B.A. at Windsor University. Claire enjoyed passing on her love of art by teaching art at the Windsor Scottish Society and at the Harcourt Community Centre.

Claire's passion for painting has won her acclaim far and near and she has enjoyed showing her work in many juried shows. She loves to paint on-site and her painting of Found Lake and Tea Lake dam exhibit her deep love of our community. My personal favourite is her painting of three trilliums nestled in a woodland setting. To me it exemplifies serenity, stillness and total tranquility.

Claire has played a very integral role in founding HEACT - Highlands East Arts and Crafts Tour event. HEACT is a not-for-profit organization which originally consisted of eight core members - now there are nearly 30 members in good standing. We live in a beautiful area and our scenic landscape fuels many creative minds. The work of the artists located here is not only unique but their work is professional and diversified.

This year the Highlands East Arts and

Crafts Tour will be held Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12. Those who have been interested in joining the tour should now join before March 1st to be included in the brochure. New members are always welcome. Please phone Eve at 448-2493 for further information.

On February 22 it was wonderful to be part of Legion Branch 624 Youth and Education Program's Annual Public Speaking Contest. Twelve young people who choose their own subject matter and skillfully presented their speeches before their peers, teachers, parents and a panel of three judges. Through this program the children learn critical oral communication skills that are necessary for young people to be successful in school and later on as they enter the workforce. There is a specific set of criteria that the children must meet and I am sure the judges will concur that the children did very well in meeting that criteria. A great deal of preparatory work is required. However, the more experiences a person has, the better prepared a public speaker that person becomes.

I wish to thank the children for taking time to prepare, practise and present their speeches. The guidance and assistance by their teachers and parents is greatly appreciated.

Jason Wood is a natural storyteller and his imaginative yarn about The Ugly Duckling is one that I will never forget. Six-year-old Taylor Davies did such an excellent job of creating a picture of her trip to Niagara Falls that I want to now take my little six-year-old granddaughter for a visit to explore some of the sights that Taylor spoke so eloquently about.

Grade 2 Carmen Galea was very enthusiastic as she spoke about her family fishing trip and the loon. Fellow grade 2 student Caleb Manus spoke with total confidence as he recited his version of The Three Little Pigs.

Grade 3 Kelsey Maracle spoke with enthusiasm of her vicious cat. Jade McCartney spoke with deep passion of how he finally came to be the owner of a fine Black Lab for a pet.

Grade 4 Stan Riley was very resourceful and creative as he added not only humour to his presentation but used his collection of monkeys as excellent props while enlightening his audience. Rebecca Anderson's speech, Chickadee, was very informative and I know that



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Harcourt artist Claire Loft, seen here painting with the Highland Grove paint-out group, recently turned 80. Happy birthday, Claire!

unlike a chickadee I would not be able to remember where I hid my food 28 days later.

Grade 5 Shenese Alden presented an informative speech on the light bulb and did an excellent job in persuading her audience on who the real inventor of the light bulb was. Dwayne Meharrise's passion for the Argos shone through his entire presentation.

Grade 6 Samantha Vanier prepared her speech on "Life Without TV" which is something that most of us could not imagine. However, because of the location of her home that is a reality for her and her family. Christina Berning took the entire audience along with her as she related tales of her pet guinea pig. Her surprise-ending piece had us all looking to find her pet.

All the students did an excellent job and their speeches were enjoyed by all.

I wish to thank Hilda Clark, Gill Stephen and Ginny Carmichael for lending their skills and judging the children's speeches. Thank you also to Mel Smith and Marg Rideout for timekeeping and to Marg for handling the task of scrutineer as well. I wish also to thank Bonny Jessup for all her assistance in

guiding me as Youth Education Officer for Branch 624.

If you have any item of interest to share and wish to submit it for the next feature of the Harcourt and Community News, please e-mail vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 705 448 3640. Always glad to hear from you!

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

February 28: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

March 1: Progressive euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

March 3: Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 9: 12:00 noon. Community Care Haliburton County Diner's Club at the Martinwood Resort, Harcourt. For more information or reservations please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.

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Special to the Echo

On Saturday, February 17, the Haliburton Legion hosted its annual public speaking contest. This year we had 14 speakers representing three categories or levels of competition. The audience enjoyed an afternoon of humorous and informative speeches. Every speaker is to be commended for his or her excellent work, both in the preparation and presentation of their speeches.

Our sincere thanks go to the teachers and administrative staff at Stuart Baker Elementary School, and J.D. Hodgson Elementary School for promoting and organizing time for the students to prepare their speeches.

We also thank the parents who took the time to work with, support and encourage their children in this endeavour.

Without our volunteers there would not be a public speaking contest. We thank our judges, who had the most difficult task of all: Wendy Versmeech, Paul Johnson, Brigitte Bassie and Bill Wakely. Our appreciation for a job well done.



Lauren Snelgrove, 12, came in second place in the intermediate category for her speech about the successful fast food restaurant chain McDonalds.

Thanks also to our Legion members who volunteered their help. They included Ethel Gavin, Sheryl Scott, Billy Pickard, Ed Pickard, Carol Stamp, Carla Watson, and Mary Hamby. The opening and closing ceremonies were conducted by President Ed Pickard.

Below is a list of the results in the various categories:

Grades 1, 2 and 3 Division:

There were three entries. The winners were: 1st Christine Bishop, 2nd Kristen Adams, 3rd Victoria Hawley -

Grades 4, 5 and 6 Division:

Speakers included Emma Paul, Sam Tyler, Caitlyn Griffin, Rebecca Kidd, Lauren Dixon, and Jessica Bishop. The winners were: 1st Jessica Bishop, 2nd Lauren Dixon, 3rd Rebecca Kidd

Grades 7, 8 and 9 Division:

Speakers included Lauren Snelgrove, Joshua Wright, Brittany Watson, Carley Shaw, and Karlis Suchovs. The winners were: 1st Joshua Wright, 2nd Lauren Snelgrove, 3rd Brittany Watson

Grades 10, 11 and 12 Division:

There were no entries.

The first place speakers from each group will advance to the zone level competition. This will be held at the Legion branch in Bobcaygeon, on Saturday March 24th. We wish each of our competitors continued success. If they win, they will then move on to compete at the District Level. Congratulations to all our winners. They will receive their prizes at the Youth Awards Night on Friday April 27, at 7p.m.

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NOTICE

Change of Meeting Date

The Regular meeting of Council normally held on March 12, 2007 is changed to Tuesday, March 13th, 2007 commencing at 9:00 a.m.



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For Further Detailed Information: Roy Haig
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From Ella Court Intersection Northerly For A Distance of 5.64 km. To Pivot Lake

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TENDER ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT NO. C07-01-07

Rehabilitation of Rural Section of Roadway - County Road No. 6

Commencing at a point approximately 330 metres west of the Eagle Lake Bridge and continuing easterly for a distance of 1.10km. to the Stills Road intersection.

Rehabilitation of Semi-Urban Section of Roadway - County Road No. 7

From The Intersection of County Road 6 Northerly For A Distance of 200 metres to the West Guilford Bridge.

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Sunny skies for snow shuffling

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

It couldn't have been better weather for the Guilford Snow Shuffle on February 24. Clear, sunny and not too cold. Registration of 150 began at 9 a.m. leading into the ride itself. Dinner at 6 catered to more than 200 followed by the bingo and dance to Jamie Bacon's music.

This doesn't happen without a team of volunteers who co-ordinate the event and set chairs and tables, get the meal ready, transport people and food and DJ equip-

ment. Thanks to all who sponsored and helped in any way.

On February 18 the Highlands Brass Quintet helped in the worship service by playing at the West Guilford Baptist Church. The group consists of Rob Snelgrove, Glen Carter, Bob Davis, John Stouffer and Christopher Chumbley.

The David Chumbleys hosted a toboggan party for St. George's Anglican Church young people and those who felt young, 28 in all. Sleds, crazy carpets and toboggans careered downhill to shouts of glee, and the riders were treated to hot chocolate as well as to taffy-on-the-snow made by Christopher, Hailey and Kara the youngest present.

Louise Van den Hoogen enjoyed the fun of the Medieval Feast in Toronto on the

weekend of February 17. The jousting, the costumes, the presentation generally and the meal were all greatly enjoyed by the whole audience.

Our deepest sympathy to Ruby Curl and family on the sudden death of her dear husband Don last week.

Euchre at the Centre was extra popular last week when over 30 came to play. One of the guest players was a granddaughter of Ivan and Pearl Carnochan who is attending university and had a week in Haliburton to observe in school.

Muriel and Ernie Winterburn, Robert McIvor, Perry Morrison and Tina and Gerald Hadley all participated in the Bowling for Big Brothers at the bowling alley in Carnarvon on February 24 in support of that worthy organization.

Ladies Fellowship at the Centre will happen on March 1, 7:30. Healing Hearts is the theme this time.

Celebrating our trails

Trails and Tours is celebrating the contributions the network has made to Haliburton County over the last six years. The event will take place at Fleming College on March 7 at 7 p.m.

Between 2003 and 2005, Trails and Tours managed a county-wide project that provided funding to the Hawk Lake Log Chute, Haliburton County and IB&O Rail Trails, Head Lake Trail and the Minden Riverwalk.

In addition to celebrating the above achievements, Trails and Tours needs input from all stakeholders in order to determine the major area of focus for the organization over the next year or so.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

DATE: Wednesday, March 14th, 2007

TIME: 11:00 am.

LOCATION: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

- D13-MV-06-036 – Lands of LeClaire**

 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of an addition to a seasonal dwelling in the WR4 zone.
 - Permit a water setback of 47.57 feet from the high water mark of Benoir Lake for a seasonal dwelling.
 - Location: Part Lot 25, Concession 10, Lot 56, Plan 509, Harcourt Township (Christine Road – Benoir Lake).
- D13-MV-07-006 – Lands of Harrington**

 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage in the WR4 zone.
 - Permit 3 accessory building on a lot.
 - Location: Part Lot 4, Concession 3, Lot 16, Plan 584, Havelock Township (West Shore Road – Kennis Lake).
- D13-MV-07-007 – Lands of Yake**

 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage in the WR4 zone.
 - Permit 3 accessory buildings on a lot. Section 3.16 of By-law 2005-120 applies.
 - Location: Part Lot 15, Concession 7, Part Lot 24, Plan 362, Harburn Township (Curry Road – Haliburton Lake).
- D13-MV-07-008 – Lands of Maxwell**

 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage in the WR4 zone.
 - Decrease the street setback to 20 feet from the centerline of Major Trail.
 - Decrease the rear building setback to 10 feet from the rear lot line.
 - Decrease the parking space setback to 10 feet from a street line.
 - Location: Part Lots 19 and 20, Concession 4, Lot 15, Plan 636, Dudley Township (Major Trail – Miskwabi Lake).
- D13-MV-07-009 – Lands of Foster**

 - Purpose and Effect: to legally recognize an existing building as a private cabin in the WR4 zone.
 - Permit a private cabin to be in the front yard abutting a shoreline.
 - Permit a private cabin to be two storeys.
 - Permit a private cabin to have a gross floor area of 578 sq. feet.
 - Permit a private cabin to have a deck with a total ground floor area of 510 sq. feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 4, Lot 13, Plan 460, Havelock Township (Kennis Lake Road – Kennis Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: February 27th, 2007 Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP

Point in Time

Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

Manager, Programs and Services

(formerly Family Services of Haliburton County)

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents is a broad-spectrum child and youth service agency serving children 0-18 and their families in Haliburton County. We are recruiting a Manager, Programs and Services who will be responsible for the management and supervision of direct service staff across a range of services. There are currently about 15 direct service staff who work in the areas of intake, children's mental health, volunteer services, respite, special needs resource consulting, infant/toddler early intervention, recreation, parenting/family support, youth outreach and youth justice.

We are looking for a Manager who will work collaboratively with a highly skilled and committed staff team. The successful candidate must have a MSW or equivalent and

- Sound clinical experience in working with children, youth and families
- Ability to engage staff within an empowerment model of supervision
- Previous experience in managing programs and components including evaluation, staff supervision, budgets, data analysis and reporting
- Ability to juggle multiple priorities and multi-task
- Community development, community capacity building and program development experience
- Knowledge of rural service delivery issues, including poverty and isolation
- Interest in working for an organization committed to health promotion, prevention and intervention
- Commitment to an anti-oppression framework

This position as it currently stands will be under review and the chosen candidate will work with program staff and the Executive Director in the potential reorganization of the current integrated service delivery structure.

If you possess these skills and would like to live and work in beautiful Haliburton County, please submit your resume and covering letter by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2007 to: Human Resources, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, 69 Eastern Avenue, Box 1306 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 Fax: (705) 457-3492
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You're invited to help set values and objectives for Sustainable Forest Management in Algonquin Park

The Algonquin Forestry Authority is seeking to improve forest management through achieving certification to the Sustainable Forest Management Standard of the Canadian Standards Association (CAN/CSA-Z809-02). The standard gives an organization a system for continually improving their forest management performance and engaging interested parties in a focused public participation process. Certification to the standard requires regular third party certification audits.

Algonquin Forestry Authority would like to hear from you.

If you have an interest in the sustainable forest management of Algonquin Park and would like to provide input, you can do so by visiting our website at www.algonquinforestry.on.ca.

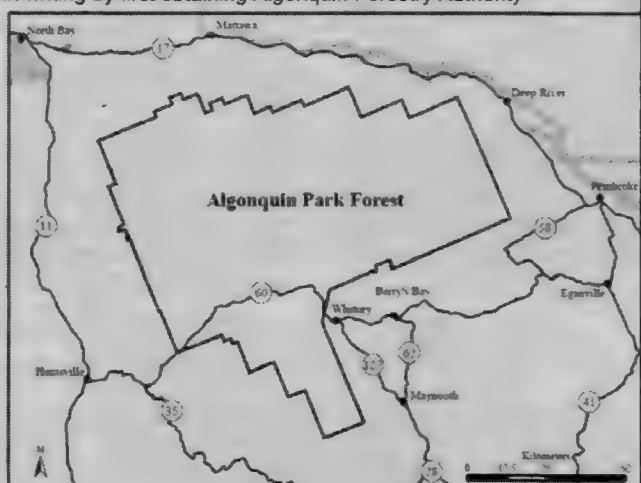
You may also contribute ideas in writing by first obtaining Algonquin Forestry Authority background information at:

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Or

Algonquin Forestry Authority
84 Isabella Street
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NOTICE (Applicant - BANNER/CLARK)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lot 16, Concession 13, designated as Road Allowance on registered Plan No. 413, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated February 20, 2004.

SECONDLY: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 13, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated February 20, 2004. (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and Who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 20th day of February 2007.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO
CLERK/CRMC
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community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- **Feb. 28:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone welcome.
- **Feb. 28:** Minden Community Forum – First in a series of Forums. Hear about 'Our Plans for Future Forums' from Don Ballantyne & 'Community Care' from Roxanne Casey & Shelley King at Minden United Church (21 Newcastle St.) at 7:30 p.m. Call Don at 286-1305.
- **Mar. 1:** Ladies Fellowship – "Healing Hearts". Thurs., 7:30 p.m. West Guilford Community Centre. Special Feature: Rosie Kadwell, Registered Dietician. For further information, please contact Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **Mar. 3:** Rainbow Rounds Dance Demonstration. Donations to Hospital Foundation (HHHSF). Ballroom style dancing done by Bonnie & Dave Mowat. At the high school gym, 7-9 p.m.
- **Mar. 4:** S.E.A.L. meeting Lion's Hall, 55 Main St. Bobcaygeon, 2 p.m. George Shriver will speak on COKL long-term economic development & the environment. Steve Clarke will speak on Climate Change, the science & implications (705) 738-0371 www.sealweb.org Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living.
- **Mar. 6:** Ontario Early Years – Parent Talk Time, Minden, Wed., 10:30-11:30. Join us & gain tips & tricks that will help parents to deal with common parenting concerns around biting, hitting, whining, & tantrums. For more info call 286-1770.
- **Mar. 7:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza, Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **Mar. 8:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar. 15:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar. 15:** Food Handler Course. Course for food handlers that certifies them in safe food handling methods. Held at the Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 457-1391 for cost & more details.
- **Mar. 28:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **Apr. 12:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info., call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Apr. 19:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info., call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Apr. 20:** Food Handler Course. Course for food handlers that certifies them in safe food handling methods. Cost is \$20/person. Held at the Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- **Apr. 23:** Blood Donor Clinic – Haliburton Legion, 16 Mountain Street, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Every day a new picture** of Haliburton County, and sometimes beyond. Just visit www.jackbush.my-expressions.com every day. A great reminder of why we all love living right here.
- **March Break:** Are you looking for childcare during the March Break? The Children's Learning Centre has a limited number of spaces for School Age Care for the March Break (Mar. 9 to 16 inclusive). The School Age program will be in the day care at 16 Prentice St. Call Gord at 286-4074 to register.
- **Thursdays in March:** Join us for Adventure Mornings at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden. We will explore through activities & song the topics of ABC's, Zoo, Food & Ocean. For more info. Call 286-1770.
- **Now until Mar. 24:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre presents: Mary Intven Wallace: Inuksuk Song. Highland Room. Reception, Artist Talk & Slides: February 17, 2-4 p.m. Join us as we present award winning artist, author & educator, Mary Intven Wallace, on a visual journey to the vibrant centre of our northern arctic land, Nunavut. Mary has traveled to the far north several times & throughout this work, we travel with her. For info call 457-2330.
- **Now until Mar. 27:** Kindergym – An energetic program where children (18 mths. to 3 yrs.) & caregivers learn & explore music & movement. 11-11:30 a.m. at the Haliburton Dance Arts Studio. To register please phone 457-2989.
- **Now until Apr. 20:** From Lullabies to Literacy – Help your child to enjoy books & learn to read through activities, songs & stories. Fridays 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Minden OEYC. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. For more info call 286-4625.
- **Now until April 26:** Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose – from 10-11 a.m. for parents with children 0 to 2.5 yrs. A 10 week program to learn rhymes, songs & stories in a relaxed environment at the OEYC Haliburton. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. Call 286-4625 to register.
- **Lakeside Baptist Church**, Park St., Haliburton – Grief Share Support Group. Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. starting Feb. 20 for 13 weeks. No charge to attend. A safe caring place to be when grief hurts. To register for attendance please call Sue Bain at 457-2570 or Pat & Doug Hardy at 286-3635.
- **Community Care** is looking for-Brokered Workers to provide Home Help in Gooderham & Haliburton & Home Maintenance in the Wilberforce area. They offer seniors & adults with disabilities assistance with light housekeeping, yard work, snow shoveling, etc. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info. or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men & the women who love them are welcome. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd Wed. of the month. Contact 286-1158 or 754-1656 for information
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- **Community Care** Haliburton County has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
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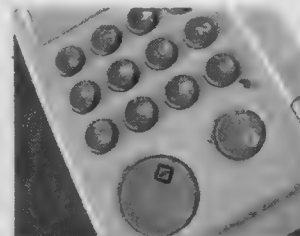
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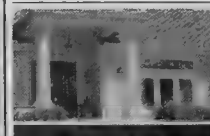
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General Employment A800

Position Available - Full time Seasonal Retail Garden Centre. Valid drivers License required. Apply with resume to: Country Rose Box 1168, Haliburton, Ont K0M 1S0

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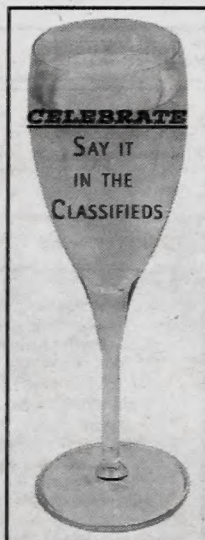
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General Employment

A800

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Sponsorship & Donor Initiative position

Cottage Dreams is looking for an energetic individual with excellent organizational, communication, computer and people skills to create a donor database and steward sponsors. Special event planning and fundraising experience required. This is an eight month contract through the HRSDC Job Creation Partnership. To qualify you must have:

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Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

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- * Excellent financial management skills
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- * Ability to prepare monthly financial statements and variance reports as well as Ministry required funding submissions (budgets, 1/4ly reports, APERS)
- * Positive attitude and prepared to work collaboratively with administration team
- * Experience in overseeing H/R (payroll and benefits) and organization administration beneficial
- * Experience with ACCPAC and Excel beneficial

If you are interested in joining this exciting organization where you can utilize your initiative and enthusiasm please apply by Friday, March 16, 2007. We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please send resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Box 1306, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0, fax 705-457-3492, e-mail: hr@pointintime.ca. Please visit our website at <http://www.pointintime.ca>

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A800



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Coming Events A940

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Coming Events A940

Sunday, March 4 2007 The Haliburton Figure Skating Club is hosting the Kawartha Highlands Interclub Competition 2007 at the Dysart Arena. 7 Skating Clubs Including: Bancroft, Bobcaygeon, Haliburton, Fenelon Falls, Lakefield, Minden and Peterborough will be competing in many different events. The winners of each event culminate points for their club. The club with the most points wins the KHIC banner for 2007. Join us for a fun filled day of figure skating at it's best and support our local skaters!

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Thank You Cards

FRENCH - The family of the late Sharon French deeply appreciates and acknowledges all of the expressions of sympathy we received during this time of loss. Special thanks goes out to Dr. Conway, Dr. Heyes and the staff of the Haliburton Hospital, the paramedics and to Dwaine Lloyd from the Haliburton Community Funeral Home.

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Card of thanks

Many Thanks

SPECIAL THANKS to Sherry, Sandra and John for your amazing hospitality. Support West Guilford Towing #754-3780. Thank you very much.

Jose

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Marriages



Vera Smith is happy to announce the wedding of her daughter

Margaret to John (Beau) Reine

on December 6, 2006 in Punta Cana.

There will be a Pot Luck Supper on

March 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

to celebrate this occasion

at the Haliburton Legion. Best wishes only.

Relatives and friends welcome.

Memorial services

COLE, Tanya - Peacefully at home on Thursday evening, January 25, 2007 in her 35th year. Beloved daughter of Robert (Bob) and Judith Cole. Loving sister of Greg and his wife Hilary of Toronto. Lovingly remembered by her nieces Madeline & Julia and her nephew William, her many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation & Memorial Service

As Tanya wished, a celebration of her life will also be held at CAMP WANAKITA, 1883 Koshlong Lake Road, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday March 3, 2007 at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to Wanakita - Strong Kids would be appreciated by the family. For more information on the Celebration Of Life, please visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/tanyacole. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Haliburton, Ontario KOM 1SO (705) 457-9209

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Deaths

KELLETT, Garnel "Bunny" - Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Friday, February 23, 2007, after a short illness, at the age of 73.

Bunny was the beloved brother of Delores (Glen), predeceased by his brother Sidney (Elsie) and fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Bunny's kind, warm, manner and concern for others will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside Committal and Interment will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton in the Spring.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com).

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LYNAS, Clara Belle (nee Madill) - It is with sorrow that the family announces the passing of Clara Belle on Friday, February 23, 2007 in her 88th year. Cherished wife of the late David Samuel Lynas. Beloved mother of Brian (Lise), Dennis (Pat), Donna Davidson (Jim) and David (Toni). Loving grandmother of Martin, Craig, Kyle, Kevin, Brianna and Clara. Predeceased by her parents Thomas and Hannah Madill, her grandson Scot and nine siblings; Bert, Mary, Edith, Florence, Margaret, Walter, Emma, Johnny and Alvin. Clara will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all of her immediate and extended family as well as many dear friends. A funeral service was held on Monday, February 26 at **Gooderham United Church**, Gooderham, Ontario at 1 p.m.

10555365

THOMSON, Douglas M - Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, February 23, 2007. In his 75th year.

Beloved husband of Arlene, dear father of Dale (Roy Neil), Karen, Shelley (Luke Schell). Loving Poppa to Adam, Cassie, Jamie, J.D., Alannah, Chyna, Quinn and great grandfather of Austin. Loving son of Marjorie and the late J.D. Thomson and dear brother of Jean Clarke.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 from 11:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

10555971

Deaths

WOODRUFF, Harvey - (Resident of Redstone Lake) Suddenly at Haliburton Hospital on Friday evening, Feb. 16, 2007, in his 69th year. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Ruth, daughter Laura, son Chris (Dee), step-grand-daughters Lisa & Kelly, step-grand-son Steve, and great grand-son Mitchell. He will also be greatly missed by his "favourite" sister Hazel (Charles), and brothers Richard (Lorette) & Dennis (Carol). He will also be greatly missed by his many family & friends. At Harvey's request there will be no visitation or service. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. www.communityfuneralhomes.com

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CURL, Donald "Don" - Passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 17, 2007. In his 77th year.

Beloved husband of Ruby. Dear father of Gene and his wife Marg of Uxbridge, Pamela and her husband Joe Domingos of Uxbridge, Wray of Pickering, and Dana of Haliburton. Loving grandfather of Tonya, Terra, Monica, J.J., John, Stephen, Samantha, Maxine and great grandfather of Riley. Dear brother of Madeline of Ajax. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Tuesday from 7-9 pm and on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation to follow.

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- Your daughter Doreen

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McELWAIN, Geraldine - In loving memory of my Wife, Mother and Grandmother. March 2, 2005

The Lord took you but 2 years ago, our hearts still mourn for your presence to be with us. We have shed million's of tears. We know you are in the garden of Heaven where all the beautiful flowers bloom. Till we meet again prayer's and love will always be with you.

- Love Bill, Sandi, Dave, Willow and Gracey.

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REDNER, Bradley Miles - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed suddenly Feb., 28, 2005 in his 54th year.

Life is not forever, Love and memories are.

Always loved and remembered

~ Carolyn

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REDNER, Bradley Miles - In loving memory of a dear father who left us suddenly Feb., 28, 2005

You are always in our hearts.

Deeply missed and always loved.

~ Mike and Jason

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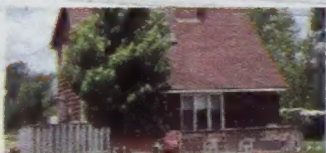
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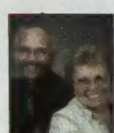


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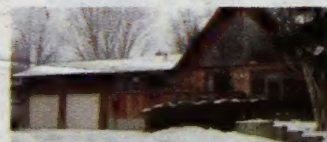


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